

COMPLAINT

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The South Carolina Republican Party, by and through its Executive Director, Trey Walker, brings this complaint pursuant to U.S.C. 437g(a)(1) (1996). The South Carolina Republican Party is located at 1508 Lady Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

1. Under federal law, when a principal campaign committee uses public political advertising to expressly advocate the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate, the communication must display an authorization notice.
2. Public political advertising includes, but is not limited to: 'television and radio broadcasts, newspaper or magazine spots, posters, *yard signs*, outdoor advertising facilities or direct mailings.'
3. John Spratt For Congress Committee has purchased and is distributing yard signs expressly advocating his election to U.S. Congress.
4. John Spratt for Congress Committee has purchased and is distributing 4'x 8' signs expressly advocating his election to U.S. Congress.
5. The Spratt yard sign signs fail to display any authorization notice, as is required by federal law.
6. Upon information and belief, the Spratt campaign has already distributed well-over 300 yard signs in direct violation of the law.

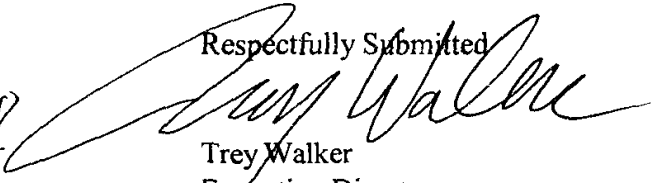
The South Carolina Republican Party hereby requests that the commission investigate the practices of the John Spratt for Congress Campaign with particular attention to its failure to include federally-required disclaimers on its yard signs. The commission should take appropriate actions to deter future violations pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(1) and call upon the Spratt campaign to remove and amend the offending lawn signs prior to this November's election.

Dated: September 16, 1998

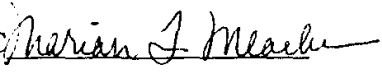
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Signed and sworn before me
this 16th day of September, 1998

Respectfully Submitted


Trey Walker
Executive Director

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My commission expires 12/29/03